

**Born This Way**

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Personality

The Sphynx is part monkey, part dog, part child, and part cat according to the French breed standard. These traits are demonstrated through their devotion to humans, acrobatic abilities, and demand for attention. Unfortunately the Sphynx are simply just cats.

Sphynx can be found in France, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, Morocco, England, USA, The Czech Republic, Austria, Australia, and Russia.

How does this happen?

Sphynx represent a random mutation consisting of a recessive gene. In order for the trait to express itself there must be two copies. Therefore, if each parent has one copy of the gene, a litter might have a hairless cat to normal cat ratio of 1 to 4. First present in a pair of Siamese Cats. Located in Paris, France, the pair produced a full litter. Three out of the bunch developed this mutation, but the parents were not able to breed anymore hairless kittens.



Who Knew?

* First Hairless cats known to belong to a black and white shorthaired cat in Ontario, Canada
* Cats purchased in 1966 by scientist Ridyadh Bawae and referred to as “Moonstones” and “Canadian Hairless”
* Renamed “Sphynx”
* Breeding program designed and soon Cancelled due to lack of an adequate gene pool and a consistent standard
* Breeding today is performed by mother-nature and dedicated breeders



Fun Facts

* Sphynx are rare, so most breeders have a waiting list for their kittens.
* Once upon a time the Sphynx was known as “The Canadian Hairless”.
* The CFA first accepted the Sphynx for registration in 2002.
* The first two hairless cats from New Mexico were known as the “Hairless Mexican”.